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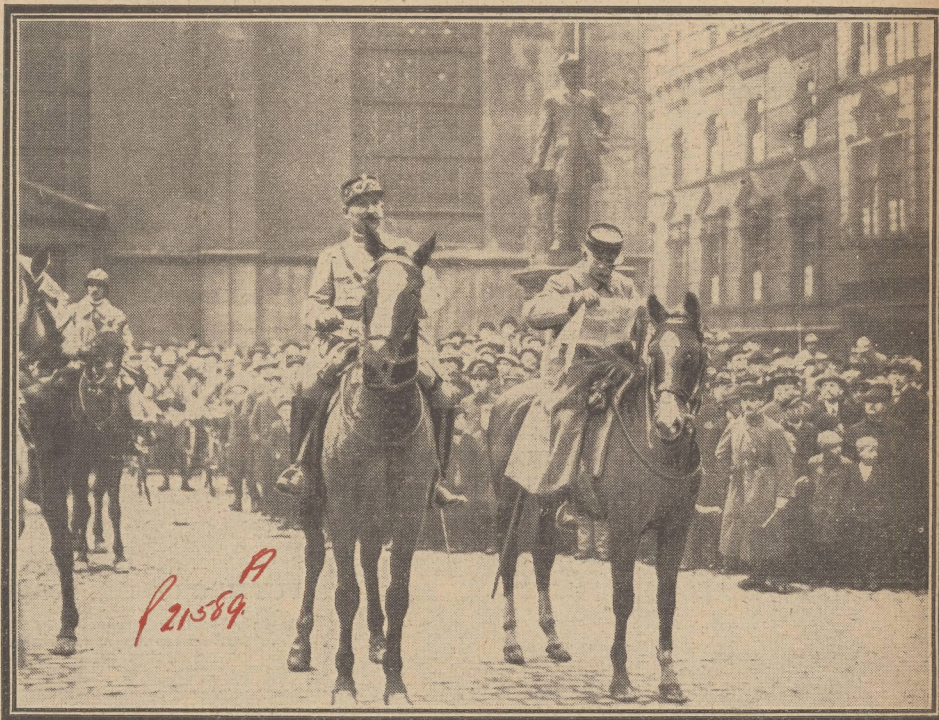
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FRENCH TROOPS OCCUPY ESSEN: FIRST PICTURES



A French staff officer in conversation with a town official requesting an interview with the Burgomaster.



General Rampont (left), who has stationed his troops close to the town "in case they are wanted," outside the Town Hall.



Cavalry of the French Army of Occupation for protection of mining experts passing through the streets of Essen.



A youthful inhabitant of the famous industrial centre interested in the stranger within its gates.

There have so far been no embarrassing or dangerous incidents attending the entrance of French troops into Essen, the capital of the Ruhr Valley mining region. No disorders have been reported, but the situation remains highly critical, as the population is in a very excited state, and agitators of all kinds are busy. General Degoutte, com-

manding the French Army of the Rhine, has announced that a state of siege is established throughout the newly-occupied territory and that he does not anticipate trouble. He adds that there will be no further advance into the Ruhr Valley unless France and her Allies are provoked by Germany. (Further pictures on pages 8 and 9.)

POLICE ACCUSED OF BLACKMAIL.

Bookmaker's Story of Two Constables' Demands STREET BETS SEQUEL

Denial To Bribe Suggestion To Prevent Arrests.

Street betting had an extraordinary sequel at the Mansion House yesterday, when two City constables, Edgar Thomas George and Reginald Scott Stanley, were sent for trial on charges of conspiracy to accept and to attempt to obtain gifts from Mr. David Cope, a bookmaker.

They pleaded not guilty and were allowed bail of £100 each.

It was the case for the prosecution that George and Stanley were on duty in streets where Mr. Cope employed men to take bets and demanded £25 as the price of not arresting them.

In evidence Mr. Cope said he met the constables, after informing two inspectors, who saw the interview, at which he handed money over.

TELEPHONE TALKS.

Inspectors Summoned to Witness Meeting—"Give Us £25."

Opening the case Sir R. Muir said that George was twenty-two and Stanley twenty-nine.

They were charged, said counsel, with conspiring together to obtain bribes from Mr. Cope as consideration for not arresting his men, who were engaged in street betting.

Sir Richard added that Cope carried on business at Fleet-street, and had a branch office at Newbury-street. He employed men to take bets in the street.

On October 21, 1922, George, who had his uniform on, called at the branch office and inquired for Mr. Leslie, the clerk in charge.

George said to Leslie, "I am on the beat. How much do I get?"

Leslie said, "I have nothing to do with police constables. You had better see Mr. Cope."

George afterwards conversed with Mr. Cope over the telephone, and said, "I am P.O. 217. I am on the beat." Mr. Cope replied that he did not give anything to anyone.

Later a man named Donnelly, one of Cope's men, was arrested by George and Stanley. George then called on Cope to arrange for Donnelly's bail. When George complained that Cope had been unkind to him, Cope asked if this was blackmail. The parties separated on "fighting terms," said counsel.

NOTES NUMBERS TAKEN.

A man named Redrup, acting on Cope's suggestion, said Donnelly's fine and afterwards apologised to the defendants for Cope's tone on the telephone. Whether he exceeded his instructions or not, he suggested to the constables that they should meet Cope with a view to fixing the sum at £50.

The meeting took place on Metropolitan ground near Aldersgate Station, said counsel.

Eventually Stanley said, "Give us £20," and George said, "Make it a round sum of £25," and made a further appointment for paying over the money.

Cope rang up the City Police. Then he kept the appointment with the two defendants, and Chief Inspector Nicholls and Inspector Herbert Smith were sufficiently near to see who the persons were whom Cope met, but not sufficiently near to see much else.

George said, "We are only going to stay in the police four or six weeks longer." Cope then offered them £25 in "front" money, of which he had left the numbers with the police.

INSPECTOR INTERVIEWS.

George said, "I understood it was £25 each," and a discussion took place.

Stanley agreed with Cope that the sum was £25 in all, but George would not agree, and they adjourned to the public-house.

Nicholls followed him into the house, where Cope ultimately offered them £30 down and promised to pay them £20 next day.

The two defendants agreed to these terms, and Cope was in the act of handing the money to them when Nicholls intervened.

Nicholls, said Sir Richard, did not see them offer to take the money. It was simply the act of handing it.

Mr. David Cope, referring to the alleged meeting at Aldersgate Station, stated that Stanley said, "We don't want to arrest your men. We mean to do it on you personally."

One of the constables said, "We are a more educated lot than our sergeants or our superiors, who are only drafted in from the pits."

Ernest Leslie, describing George's alleged visit to the branch office, said that George used a private telephone to the Fleet-street office, and he heard him say, "I am P.O. 217. You told me you allowed Mr. Leslie 38s. a day to give to us youngsters."

HOSPITAL'S "HOMELESS" COWS.

Two milk cows have been offered to Brookley Hill Stannore Home of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (Great Portland-street, W.) to provide milk for children, but £200 is needed for an hygienic cowshed before the offer can be accepted. Subscriptions will be welcomed.

£200,000 DIAMOND.

Famous Jagersfontein Stone to Change Hands.

THIRD LARGEST GEM.

The third largest cut diamond in the world—the "Jubilee diamond," is to change hands, states Major S. W. Beaman, D.S.O., and the price asked is in the region of £200,000.

Originally known as Excelsior, the diamond was discovered in the Jagersfontein mine, in the Orange River Colony, on June 30, 1865.

It is recorded by Julius Wodiska that the rough stone weighed 971½ carats, but it was necessary to cleave it, and the Jubilee diamond weighs 745 metric carats, is 1½ in. in length, 1½ in. in breadth and 1 in. deep.

It is of the finest blue colour, and was re-named Jubilee in honour of the late Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

It was deposited from its position as the first largest cut diamond in 1895 by the two Cullinan diamonds, which now form part of the British Crown Jewels. The other famous stones are: Fourth, Orloff (183 carats); fifth, Victory or Imperial (260 carats); sixth, Florence (139 carats); seventh, Regent or Pitt (136 carats); eighth, Colenso (129 2/3 carats); ninth, Tiffany (125 carats); tenth, Star of the South (125 carats); eleventh, Kohinoor (102½ carats).

ELEPHANT KILLS MAN.

"Miss Jenny" Crushes Zoo Keeper to Death at Basle.

LAUSANNE, Friday. Just because his keeper prevented him reaching for his food-bag, Miss Jenny, a huge elephant at Basle Zoological Gardens seized with his trunk the keeper, named Haeftelinger, and crushed him to death.

The keeper's cries were heard by people, who rushed to the rescue, but too late. His arm had been completely torn from his body.

The Zoo authorities have not yet decided if they shall kill the elephant, as when bought by public subscription in 1919 he cost a small fortune.—Exchange.

A QUEEN'S VIGIL.

Night Watch at Ex-King Tino's Bier with Princesses.

PALERMO, Friday. The vigil over the body of the ex-King Constantine was performed last night by ex-Queen Sophie (the ex-Kaiser's sister), the princesses and their daughters.

The Mayor of Palermo has sent a cross of violets tied with ribbons of the town colours. This evening the body will be embalmed and will be taken to-morrow on board the mail steamer for Naples.

The royal family will be accompanied by the Duchess Helena d'Aoste.

Messages of sympathy continue to arrive from all parts of the world.—Reuter.

It has been intimated that Athens newspapers must limit themselves, says Reuter, to the bald announcement of ex-King Constantine's death and refrain from publishing biographical notices or editorial articles.

POSTMAN'S WINDFALL.

Nottingham Man to Receive a Legacy of Over £2,000.

An outside postman on the staff of Nottingham Central Post Office has had a nice little windfall under the will of his aunt, the widow of Richard Wilford, an American farmer.

Interviewed by *The Daily Mirror* yesterday, the postman (who wishes to remain anonymous) said: "I was informed yesterday by the executors under my aunt's will that I am to receive half her estate, and that my share will probably amount to between £2,000 and £3,000. The other half is to go to a girl cousin."

The postman has already received £100 for preliminary expenses. The legatees are the last children of the woman's brothers.

SIR R. HORNE'S NEW POST

Late Chancellor Becomes Director of Great Western Railway.

Members of the late Cabinet seem to be seeking an outlet for their energies in directorships of public companies.

Mr. Kellaway, the Postmaster-General, promptly obtained a position as director of Macdon's on the fall of the Coalition Government. Sir Eric Geddes has become a director of Dunlops since he left parliamentary life.

Now Sir Robert Horne, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been appointed a director of the Great Western Railway.

"Sir Robert will take up his duties as soon as he returns from America," the secretary of the Great Western Railway told *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

PRINCE TO VISIT LAKES?

Kewick Council proposes to give a joint invitation with Windermere and Ambleside to the Prince of Wales to visit the Lake District during his tour in the North this summer.

SLEEP-WALKER'S CUP.

Strange Inquest Story of Doctor's Daughter.

AWAKENED BY TASTE?

A strange story concerning the death of a doctor's daughter who had apparently been walking in her sleep was told at East Ham yesterday at an inquest on Joan Ethel Russell, aged twenty-one, who lived with her father, Dr. John Hutchison Russell, in Romford-road.

Dr. Russell said his daughter on Tuesday seemed quite well, and was with her sweetheart in the evening. Next morning he was aroused by his wife and went downstairs, where he found his daughter dead in a recess clad in a nightgown and without shoes or stockings.

The doctor was handed a cup by the coroner, and he said that the deposit in the bottom of it tasted bitter. Dr. Russell added that he kept opium in his surgery. His daughter was not in the habit of doctoring herself.

Mrs. Russell said her daughter became engaged to be married a fortnight ago. She knew nothing about drugs.

Her daughter had been subject to bad attacks of fainting, and two years ago she had a spell of somnambulism.

Dr. Randall, who performed the post-mortem, said it was not his opinion that any drug accounted for her death.

The coroner recorded a verdict of Death from syncope, caused by shock on suddenly waking from a state of somnambulism.

He said it was probable that the girl might have fetched something from the sugar-tin in a cup in her sleep, and the shock of its bitter taste awoke her with a start.

NURSE'S COCAINE.

Fine of £100 for Having 190 Grains of Drug in Her Bedroom.

A fine of £100 was inflicted at Middlesbrough yesterday on Gertrude Parkes, of Mysore-road, Clapham Common, S.W., who was stated to have been found with 190 grains of cocaine in a pot in her bedroom.

She had been employed at a Middlesbrough institution as head nurse. The matron said she found the nurse in a dazed condition late at night.

The defence that the cocaine was used for relieving eye pains was accepted.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed on the nurse, who resided at Cynal George (twenty-one) for supplying cocaine to a Chinaman. At his lodgings 50z. of pure cocaine were found.

PUTTING ON THE SCREW.

Entente Must Be Preserved in Spite of Differences About the Ruhr.

To-morrow's Sunday Pictorial will contain an important pronouncement on the European situation—"Putting the Screw on Germany"—by Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, who has just returned from the post of British Ambassador in Paris.

The views of Lord Hardinge, who is probably the most experienced diplomatist now living, will prove of great interest.

He fears that the French will encounter difficulties in their advance into the Ruhr, but is emphatic that the Entente should be kept intact in spite of any differences of policy.

In addition, to-morrow's Sunday Pictorial will contain special articles by Mr. Lovat Fraser and other well-known writers.

GLASGOW ARMS RAID.

Two Women Among 23 Irish People Charged with Conspiracy.

Twenty-three Irish people, including two women, were remanded at Glasgow yesterday following raids.

They were charged with having conspired to commit the various acts of violence to the public and to officials of the Irish Free State Government, and with having been found in possession of arms.

One woman of twenty-two was stated to have had two revolvers, a box of detonators, nineteen rounds of revolver and 921 rounds of rifle ammunition in her house.

CAR THAT DROVE ON.

Two Men Knocked Down at Catford—Open Door Wrenched Off.

Passing through Rushey Green, Catford, S.E. on Thursday night, a large motor-car knocked down two men and did not stop.

The door of the car appears to have been open and was wrenched from its hinges when it struck the men, and a side lamp was also torn off.

BARONESS AS OPERATIC SINGER.

One of the most pleasing and artistic turns at the Coliseum this week is that given by Vera Lavrova, the well-known operatic soprano, who has a number of extensive repertoires.

To private life this talented artist is the Baroness Royce-Garrett. Her husband served in the Russian forces during the war and lost one of his legs on active service.

WIFE'S FIND IN HUSBAND'S FLAT.

Gas Turned On at Night Alleged in Divorce Suit.

HAIRPINS CLUE.

Decree Nisi Against Ex-Member of Royal Air Force.

A dramatic story of her life with a former Australian soldier was told by Mrs. Hylda Grace James, of Ruislip, in the Divorce Court, yesterday, when she was granted a decree nisi owing to her husband's cruelty and misconduct.

Mrs. James spoke of finding hairpins in her flat, apparently left by a woman who had been there in her absence.

She also alleged waking up one night to find that the gas had been turned on.

Her husband she described as "rather a worthless kind of man."

TWO WOMEN IN FLAT.

Friend's Story of Visit to Fetch Wife's Jewellery from Husband.

Her husband, said Mrs. James, came to England with the Australian forces and obtained a commission in the Royal Air Force. She married him in April, 1919, at Ruislip.

He turned out to be rather a worthless kind of man.

In October, 1921, he went to study at the Westminster College, and they took a flat in Polygon Mews.

Just before Christmas, 1921, after having been to stay with her parents, she found the flat in a disordered condition, with hairpins and women's things which were not hers lying about.

Mrs. James added that she did not use hairpins, her hair being short.

Her nail polish and one or two other things had been used by another woman.

Counsel: Did you find in your husband's possession photographs of some women?—Yes.

After that he tried to take some poison, Mrs. James went on, but that failed.

Counsel: In April, 1922, do you remember waking up and finding something had happened?—Yes; I found the gas had been turned on. My husband was kneeling by the window.

Did he tell you whether it was accidental or intentional?—No, he said we should be better out of the world. The room was full of gas.

Mr. Percy S. Hewitt, of Brighton, said he saw her immediately after the gas affair. She was almost unconscious, and bore every appearance of having been gassed.

Mr. Frederick G. S. Baker, of Leicester-gardens, said shortly after Mrs. James found the hairpins in the flat Mr. James told him of the matter. He treated the matter as a huge joke. He said he had a woman there, but he put the blame on a friend of his.

Subsequently he (Mr. Baker) went to the flat to get Mrs. James' jewellery, and on going into one of the bedrooms found two women.

Another man appeared later.

PRINCESS MARY

Expected to Return to Chesterfield House, Mayfair, To-day.

Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles are expected to travel to London to-day from York-shire.

They will be in residence at Chesterfield House, Mayfair, for some time.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

To-day's Weather.—Rather cold; fair. Lighting-up time, 5:14 p.m.

The Earl of Balfour is still confined to his bedroom with a chill.

Prebendary Carlile, founder of the Church Army, is 76 to-morrow.

Prince George leaves Victoria to-day for the Continent to recuperate after his operation for appendicitis.

51 cases of smallpox have been notified since October in the Doncaster and Heanor districts, where the disease appears to be spreading.

Half-penny Profit on 50lbs.—A Lincolnshire farmer, who sent 3½ tons of carrots to Liverpool, made 6s. 8d. profit, or just over 1d. per 50lbs.

Rhine Soldier Killed.—Patrolling the railway near Cologne, Rifleman Frederick Butterworth, 2nd K.R.R., whose home is at New Barnet, was killed by a train.—Reuter.

Fatal Road Accident.—Knocked down by a motor-car in Finchley-road, Hampstead, Miss E. Watson, forty-nine, of 10, Gleders Green, died in Hampstead General Hospital.

Burned on Electric Table.—Inquiry is being made into the death of a young woman who was fatally burned on an electrically heated operating table in a Paris suburban hospital.

One Man Crewed Death.—When the barge Daisy sunk in collision on the River Medina, near Cowes, yesterday, her skipper and only hand, Robert Kimber, of Totton, Hants, thrown into the water, died as he was being rescued.

STATE OF SIEGE PROCLAIMED IN RUHR BY FRANCE

Essen Tranquil Under Military Supervision
—Paris Engineers in Charge of Mines.

PENALTIES FOR GERMANS WHO OBSTRUCT

Berlin Reports French Have Occupied Five Other Towns—Moratorium Conference To-day.

General Degoutte, the French Commander-in-Chief, yesterday proclaimed a state of siege in the newly-occupied Ruhr territory.

Up to the present no disturbing incident of any description has marked the presence of French troops in and around Essen. It is, as General Degoutte describes it, "an invisible occupation"—more civil than military—and business is proceeding. It depends on the Germans whether any pressure is exercised. There was a conference with leading industrialists yesterday to discuss the carrying on of work in the mines under French engineers.

In Paris to-day the Reparations Commission will consider the German request for a moratorium. A postponement is talked of in Paris.

GERMANS DEFY FRENCH COAL DELIVERY ORDERS.

"No Power" Plea by Civil Chiefs at Essen.

MORE TOWNS OCCUPIED.

ESSEN, Friday. General Degoutte has issued a proclamation from his headquarters at Dusseldorf announcing that a state of siege is established throughout the newly-occupied territory.

French authorities at Dusseldorf to-day invited the heads of the Ruhr industry to appear in the Rathaus to discuss the working of the mines. The latter, however, sent only subordinates.

The French speakers made it clear to the Germans that arrest and confiscation would follow upon the least proof of bad will. It was noted out that the industry must now take orders from the Coal Commission and not from Berlin. If French and German orders conflicted the former must be obeyed.

The Oberpräsident, Dusseldorf and the Oberbürgermeister of Essen replied that they had no power to instruct the German industries to take orders from the French Coal Commission, and that they must continue to take orders from Berlin.

French engineers then went to the mines' offices to obtain data. The French and Belgians have announced that any German official who carries out the order of the Berlin Government to stop deliveries of reparations coal will incur penalties.—Reuter.

"INVISIBLE" OCCUPATION.

Depends on Germans Whether France Resorts to Pressure.

ESSEN, Friday. Essen passed a calm night and day under the new occupation. The 40,000 Krupp workers remained at their posts. The soldiers are bivouacked outside the industrial areas, and there are no troops patrolling the streets here or at Mulheim.

As a protest against the occupation, all the workers in the Ruhr will strike work on Monday from 11 to 11.15. All trains will stop for ten minutes.—Central News.

In Paris it is stated that General Degoutte has inaugurated an "invisible occupation," and that the hands of the Foch is seen in this. It depends on the Germans whether pressure is used.—Exchange.

According to the Boersen Courier, says a Berlin message, the towns of Gelsenkirchen, Gladbeck, Sterkrade, Horst and Oberhausen have now been occupied.

It is stated that German industrialists have approached a group of British coal firms regarding the possibility of obtaining credit for the purchase of a considerable quantity of English coal in order to mitigate the consequences of the French seizure of the Ruhr mines.—Reuter.

A German Note to France and Belgium states that Germany cannot fight, but she will not bow to and will still less assist France.

To-day's Decision.—A special meeting of the Reparations Commission will be held to-morrow, and on the agenda the German request for a moratorium in respect of 1923 is set down for consideration.

"GUY THORNE" BURIED.

At the funeral yesterday at Hampstead of the late Mr. Ranger Gull ("Guy Thorne," the novel 1st), who died at the house of a friend, the brass plate on the coffin was inscribed: "Edward Arthur Ranger Gull 'Guy Thorne'; died January 9, 1923; aged forty-seven years." Books of reference give Mr. Ranger Gull's Christian names as "Cyril Arthur Edward."

BRITAIN NOT EXPECTED TO PAY U.S. DEBT IN GOLD.

Plan for Bonds for Period of Forty or Fifty Years.

OUR 7,700 MILLIONS BURDEN.

It was learned after the meeting of the Anglo-American Funding Commission to-day that the United States was not expecting Britain to pay her war-time loans in gold, but through the medium of goods returns from the invisible exchange and trade balances gained through the movement of goods in the world's markets.

It was stated that the task of refunding the British debt was so difficult that it would be some time before a complete agreement was reached.—Central News.

Among points which the British Commission are asking the American group to consider favourably are that the British debt funded into bonds should run from forty to fifty years, that a specific amount be amortised annually during the life of the obligations, and that the interest rate be lowered from 4½ per cent.

If this basis is agreed upon Britain will begin interest payments, and will start reduction of the principal in five to ten years.—Exchange.

The chief problem which arose in the discussions to-day between the British and American Debt Commissioners was the adjustment of instalment payments in such a manner as to avoid serious fluctuations of international exchange and trade.

Mr. Baldwin presented to the American Commissioners the British Budget figures for the financial year 1922-23, showing that the £20,000,000 which had already been paid on account of interest to the U.S. was included in the Budget this year.

The total of the British National Debt was stated to be £7,700,000,000, and the percentage to the total expenditure of this year's payment on account of interest on that debt was placed at 37.8.

Percentages of the expenditure this year on the fighting forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force was 16.7 of the whole, as compared with 24 per cent. in the case of America's fighting forces.—Reuter.

GIRL'S TWO YEARS OF FEAR.

Court Story of Threatening Letters from Man Who Lived Next Door.

"Look how poor Thompson was struck down by Bywaters and killed. The same will happen to you."

This was a passage in a letter received by Nellie Silk, a Birmingham girl, who sought police protection after receiving threatening letters for two years.

A young labourer named David Parsons, of Holly-road, Handsworth, living next door to the girl, was remanded at Birmingham yesterday charged with threatening to murder her.

A detective said he had escorted the girl home for the last six weeks. She was afraid to go out alone at night. There was a difficulty in tracing the letters owing to the signature being in initials, but Parsons had admitted the authorship of the letter quoted above.

A KING FOR PALESTINE?

It is understood on good authority, says an Exchange Lausanne message, that Emir Abdullah, King of Transjordan, may be named King of Palestine.

V.C. IN THE ENEMY'S CAMP.

Cheers and laughter greeted Captain Gee, V.C., the Unionist candidate, when he strayed unwittingly into a big Labour meeting at Newcastle East. Polling takes place on Wednesday.



Sir William Treloar, Lord Mayor of London in 1906-7, celebrates his 80th birthday to-day.



Mrs. Violet Hopson, film actress, rendered unconscious when thrown by her horse.

WHO FIRED SHOTS THAT KILLED MRS. MIDDLETON?

Inquest To-day on Victims of Barricaded House.

BULLET WOUNDS BEHIND HEAD

At the inquest, which will be opened to-day, on Mrs. Middleton, who was found dead in the barricaded house of Mr. Cecil Arthur Maltby in Regent's Park, N.W., evidence will be given that several bullet wounds were found in the back of her head, and that these caused death.

Did Mrs. Middleton commit suicide or was she murdered by Maltby, the mad tailor, who shot himself as the police forced an entry into the house?

Whether the wounds on the back of the head could have been self-inflicted (Maltby, it will be remembered, left notes saying that Mrs. Middleton committed suicide) or were the results of foul play is a scientific secret which has not yet been revealed.

In order to give the Home Office experts time to make the necessary tests for the presence of poison, the inquest, *The Daily Mirror* understands, will be adjourned after formal evidence of identification.

It took Sir Bernard Spilsbury between two and three hours on Thursday night to make the post-mortem examination on the dead woman. *The Daily Mirror* learns that the condition of the body of Mrs. Middleton suggests that an attempt had been made to assist in the work of decomposition by chemical methods.

Several more still searching the house to see if they can discover any bottles containing certain acids, and also for any bullet marks on the walls or furniture.

The statement that Mr. Middleton, the dead woman's husband, who is chief officer on the steamship Maresfield, had been wirelessly for to return at the earliest possible moment, was denied yesterday by Messrs. Woods, Taylor and Brown, of Leadenhall-street, E.C., the owners of the vessel.

BANK MANAGER ATTACKED.

Knocked Senseless by Two Men Who Make Off with £150.

Two men entered the Llanishen (Cardiff) branch of the National Provincial Bank yesterday afternoon, and after knocking the manager senseless seized a bundle of notes, worth £150, which he was counting and made off with them. The police have a description of the men.

WHOLE FAMILY ILL.

Father, Mother and Two Children in Hospital with Ptomaine.

Four members of one family have been taken to Birmingham Queen's Hospital suffering from ptomaine poisoning.

They ate tinned meat for dinner, and two of the three children quickly became ill. Later the father and mother were affected. The woman was yesterday improving, but her husband and the youngest child show no improvement.

ISLAND HOAXED.

Arrest of "Rich Philanthropist" Whom the Governor Entertained.

CEYLON, Friday. Don Manuel Stephen, a Cingalese, posing as a rich philanthropist from the Straits Settlements, is on his way to Ceylon under police escort.

Stephen received a princely welcome from the island on his arrival some time ago. He was entertained by the Governor-General, Sir W. H. Manning, and Lady Manning, at Nuwara Eliya, and gained the friendship of the Chief Justice, Sir Anton Bertram, and Lady Bertram.

He was gazetted a Justice of the Peace for the island and promised to build extensions to the hospital, colleges, schools and convents. His promises ran into nearly £250,000, but they were unfulfilled.

A warrant was issued for his arrest in connection with the shipment of quinine. He went to Southern India in a fishing smack and boarded a steamer for Penang. It is alleged, under an assumed name. He is now on his way back under the care of the police.—Central News.

WOMAN'S RIVER LEAP IN BLAZING DRESS.

Tragedy of Hand-Lamp and Dance Costume.

FATAL COTTON WOOL.

Husband's Discovery After Lonely Midnight Walk.

There was a tragic end in the early hours of yesterday to a fancy dress dance in the village of Great Elm, near Frome (Somerset).

While she was returning home the carnival costume of Mrs. Ada Emily Knapton, an attractive woman of forty, caught fire from a lamp she was carrying.

Enwrapped in flames, she leapt into an adjoining river and was drowned.

Mrs. Knapton lived at Vallis Vale, another village near Frome.

On Thursday night, attired as "Puss in Boots," she attended a fancy dress dance and social at Great Elm institute.

At half-past ten she left for home, carrying an acetylene lamp to light her way along the valley, through which runs a little river known as the Frome.

ORDEAL OF FLAMES.

Her fancy dress included a good deal of cotton-wool, and there is abundant evidence that this caught fire.

Obviously she tried in vain to tear off the burning garment, and in agony rushed to the river.

Faced by the choice of deaths from fire or water, she plunged in.

Her return home being overdue, her husband and son set out to meet her.

They discovered a quantity of charred cotton-wool in the valley, and there were traces that someone had entered the river twenty yards away.

A search of the water was made in the dark about 1 a.m., and the body of Mrs. Knapton was discovered a quarter of a mile down stream.

Her head, face, body and arms were badly burned.

HEADMASTER'S FATE.

Farewell Letter of Man Who Drank 1½ Bottles of Whisky a Day.

"I am sorry to say that my life is no more good to anyone, so I am going to dispose of it to-night."

This was a quotation from a letter written to his landlady by Mr. Otto Bowman, a schoolmaster, aged sixty-one, who was found shot in his bedroom at the Hotel Beauvilliers.

At the inquest yesterday, at which a verdict of Suicide while of unsound mind was returned, the police said that he had been drinking heavily, his consumption of whisky being one and a half bottles a day.

Formerly headmaster at Brentwood High School, the coroner said that from the Belgrave Hotel he wrote to his landlady:—"I am sorry that my life is no more good to anyone. I am going to dispose of it in this hotel to-night. The superintendent of police will give you a call and settle our affairs."

NAVAL FORCE FOR MEMEL.

British and French Decide to Support Allied Troops.

PARIS, Friday. The Lithuanian Government has addressed to M. Poincaré a Note denying that Lithuanian forces are preparing to occupy Memel (a Baltic port near Danzig), and stating that the Lithuanian Government has taken all the necessary measures to prevent the crossing of the frontier.

The Note declares that the population of the Memel territory have risen against the German authorities. The Note ends with a request to the Allied Powers to give the necessary instructions to the Allied Commissioners at Memel in order to avoid the shedding of blood.

The Ambassadors' Conference will meet to-morrow to discuss the Memel incident. The British and French Governments have decided to send to the Port of Memel a combined naval force to support the Allied troops.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S FATE IN SHOP FIRE.

In a fire that destroyed two shops at Youghal, East Cork, yesterday, Mrs. Ellen Spreadborough was burned to death.

Mr. H. Spreadborough, the town surveyor, rescued his invalid aunt, but was unable to reach his mother.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1923.

STILL DODGING!

THE "invisible occupation" of Essen by French troops took place yesterday.

So far as we yet know, the reactions have not been dangerous. We learn that the French general "does not anticipate trouble."

Nevertheless, the big German industrialists are doing their best to make trouble and to continue their methods of evasion.

Typical of those methods is their "bolting with the books" of the Coal Syndicate, the Berlin order to cease deliveries of reparations coal, and above all the organising of protest strikes for the coming week.

All this solemn humbug will further exasperate opinion against the German defaulters. It can only have the result that these men are supposed to be anxious to avoid.

It will inevitably extend and prolong the dreaded occupation of the Ruhr. It amounts to a form of sabotage which will injure Germany without causing France to relax in her determination to secure what is due to her.

It is almost incredible that business men in Germany can resort to methods so clearly suicidal, rather than end a situation that threatens the peace of the world anew.

It could be ended to-morrow by proper guarantees given by Germany and a manifest intention to "pay."

The exactly opposite course is being followed. "Rather than pay what we owe," these plotters seem to say, "we shall pull our own house down about our heads!"

As they thus announce their refusal to fulfil their obligations they proclaim to the world that they are martyrs.

If so their martyrdom is voluntary. It rests with them to end it. But they will not end it by childishly dodging about Germany with the evidence of their available assets in their trunks.

"DREADFUL MILLIONS."

ONE of the most popular of London's business men, Sir William Trelor, has told the world that "it must be a dreadful thing to make a million." He finds that millionaires are melancholy.

Sometimes they are. "But," asks the man without money, "is it only because they are millionaires?"

Isn't it rather because so many impetuous people know about these successful men's millions?

They have a reputation for boundless wealth.

Thereupon it becomes the object of the tax-gatherer and the world of eager applicants for aid to reduce them to their first state of happy penury. They are bothered. They are persecuted. They get depressed.

We may conclude, with Disraeli, that the prudent man will try to make money quietly. He will not advertise his income.

But he will not believe those who tell him roundly that money means misery. He will ask: "Where, then, is the incentive to effort? Why are so many people trying to make money?"

And he may answer for himself: "Perhaps it is because they believe that, though money may mean misery, no money will certainly mean more misery still."

This, he hopes, is not a sordid view of the case. Trying to improve one's position in life is not a dishonourable occupation. It is better than idleness, or listless routine. It even "keeps from mischief."

IN MY GARDEN.

JAN. 12.—The anubias are very valuable spring flowers, easy to grow and making a bright show for many weeks. They can be used on the rockery, for edgings, and for paving spring beds of bulbs. They also look wonderfully attractive on steep rocky banks and old walls.

Many lovely varieties may be obtained—purple, rose, crimson, blush, in many delicate shades. Early in June, when the flowers fade, anubias should be cut hard back; they will then never become untidy. E. P. T.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

Men and Their Mothers—Love Without Sight—How to Greet People—The Criminal's Choice.

THE BEST HUSBANDS.

"W. M." says that the best husbands are those who make the best sons. I agree with him. Probably a man who is nice to his mother will also be nice to his wife, but then there is this difficulty—men who are fond of their mothers do not, as a rule, care to leave them in order to get married, as the case quoted in your leader shows.

STILL UNMARRIED.

ARE MURDERERS INSANE?

I CANNOT understand on what grounds people assume that a murderer must necessarily be insane.

I was once for several months in daily company of a man who had committed at least two murders. He was eminently sane, even on the subject of murder, for his murders had been committed in circumstances beyond the reach of justice. He refrained from killing in civilised

"WITHOUT SEEING HIM."

I SEE that Michael Arnott, in his article on "The Mystery of Love's Awakening," asks how many amongst the vast army of lovers could explain the precise reason or give the exact moment of their falling in love.

I may be one out of many; but long years ago a friend of mine had spoken of a certain man's good qualities, and I forthwith fell in love with that man without seeing him. My friend had also spoken of me to him, so when we met we were really in love with one another. We are nearing our golden wedding, and are lovers still. R. T.

MODES OF SALUTATION.

THERE is an innocent and ingenious charm about "M. K. L.'s" letter on handshaking which makes me think that he must be a very young man.

Does he think that he could do the Facist

CUP-TIE FOOTBALLERS AND THEIR WAY OF LIVING.



We are told that there is a growing belief in the importance of rest as a means of inducing perfect fitness for footballers. Will their lives soon be like this?

and settled regions, having a wholesome awe of the law and the rope.

Mrs. Thompson's part in the recent case was on a par with that of King David in the affair of Uriah the Hittite, but I do not think that anybody would dub David a madman!

Or would the Scots admit that their hero, Robert Bruce, was a madman because he slew John Comyn over a difference of political opinion? JENKIN JENKINS.

PRISON OR POISON?

"MERCIFUL'S" idea of allowing murderers the choice of a life sentence or of taking a painless poison is certainly humane, but not practical. A stronger deterrent than this is needed to check cold-blooded murders.

I am afraid with "Merciful's" scheme we should soon have our prisons full, for few would choose the poison.

"Merciful" seems to forget that there is such a person as "John Citizen," the sorely-ried taxpayer, out of whose pocket comes the money to maintain our prisons. TAXPAYER.

DANGEROUS TOYS.

DO not "ecooters" come under the heading of dangerous toys?

I do not want to attack these amusing inventions, but sometimes one sees a child careering along the pavement at a great speed, in peril not only of upsetting other people, but of dashing off the kerb on to the roadway and getting run over by some passing vehicle. M. WATERS.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

"ETHICAL DEFENCE" seems to think that a justification of capital punishment can be found in a text from the book of Genesis.

Does he not realise that the "old law" was reformed by the justice of mercy of the New Testament?

Christ expressly states that an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is not a maxim for the guidance of Christians. MERCIFUL.

FOOTBALL CROWDS AT TO-DAY'S 'FIRST ROUND.'

WHY THE GAME ATTRACTS SO MANY WOMEN.

By E. B. OSBORN.

THE first round of the F.A. Cup is played to-day, and there are mysterious gentlemen in back streets who will give you the market odds if you think you can spot the winner of the final in faraway April.

A great authority has laid it down that the Cup is always won by a team which sticks to its own peculiar game throughout the competition.

Of course, the winner should be found among the Division I. clubs. They are a shade faster, as a rule, than their less exalted rivals.

In Division II. you have to think and kick at the same time, but in Division I. there is no time to think at all. Still, the cruder but more vigorous methods of the less famous teams often wreck the delicate mechanism of an artistic combination.

Other things being equal or nearly so the Northern sides are the more to be feared. There is a strenuousness, a hungeriness, in their style of play which is seldom met with in the south. In Lancashire both players and spectators are keener than in the London district.

TRUE ENTHUSIASM!

In a match I watched some years ago in the county of Red Roses a young dentist was playing and a supporter of his side was heard to exclaim: "Goo on, Joe! If that scores a goal I'll have a tooth drawn!" In the tense atmosphere of a Cup-tie played up north pretty pattern weaving is as ineffectual as genteel ejaculations.

The presence of the Corinthians adds interest to this season's competition.

If they could accomplish that wonderful all-along-the-line passing at top speed which was a feature of the Corinthian style in the far past, they would go a long way. But the old pace and power which enabled them to beat Bury, then League champions, on a memorable occasion by eleven goals to three have not yet been recovered. However, as the Hussar said of cavalry in modern war, the men of Corinth will at any rate give tone to to-day's proceedings.

There can be no doubt that the winter epidemic of football fever is extending every year.

ONE OF THE CROWD.

The long lines of motor-cars parked in the by-streets at Stamford Bridge, when Chelsea are at home on a Saturday afternoon show that watching League football is no longer a diversion for the working-classes only.

You see all sorts of social personages nighting there, when the lofty mounds are already thronged with excited humanity.

One fine Saturday I was surprised to see a very smart young lady in a temperamental frock (a silvery "snow" effect, and just enough of it to be sniffed at, as a jealous friend observed) get out of a long, piratical craft opposite the main entrance.

I felt as if I had met some super-vamp at a mothers' meeting. "What in the world are you doing here, Lady D—?" I asked in amazement. "Oh, I often come here," was the reply. "Not so much to watch them rushing about after the ball—though you get strange poses in the air sometimes, when they seem to fly up after the ball, like sort of Epstein angels—as to watch the crowd and lose myself in it."

A CURE FOR WORRY.

"To be one of the crowd—that's really and truly a sensation."

To be one of the crowd, to forget the ache of egoism, to feel a fifty-thousand-power comradeship—that is a chief part, if not the whole, of the fascination of watching the people's football. You are caught and carried away in vast tides of elemental emotion. Fifty thousand thinking like one saves you worry of thought.

Watch a game of spectators, and you will soon see that they are all as much his de the game as the bright-shirted players in the arena far below. If a back balloons the ball—a far too frequent fault in League football to-day!—instead of passing it low and hard to one of his own side, as he ought, two in every three lift the foot an inch or two as though to assist its skyward flight. And if a forward shoots at goal they kick out so vigorously as often to hack a neighbour's shin.

The truth is it is not really a game between two teams of eleven men. It is a twenty-five thousand a side affair.

What a cure for worry and the vapours!

BADGER DIGGING IN DEVONSHIRE



Putting badger into the sack at Tiverton Badgers Club dig, Oakford, Devon. There was a considerable attendance to watch the proceedings, which produced results very satisfactory except to the badgers.

TWO NEW MODELS

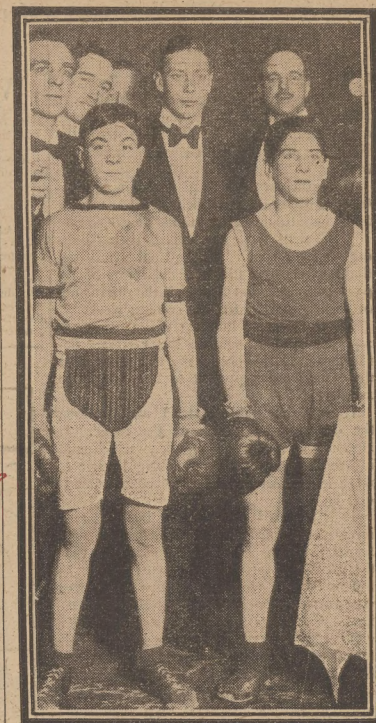


A most attractive suede picture hat with a gracefully curved brim evolved by a Parisian designer. It has leather grass trimming for decoration.



Cloak of stone-coloured cloth with large mouflon collar in a dark shade. It is worn over a gown of stone-colour. The hat is of velvet in two shades of grey.

ROYAL DUKE AND BOXERS



The Duke of York with two of the juvenile contestants at the British Legion boxing tournament, Stadium Club, Holborn. E. Mann, champion of the working lads' clubs, is on the left.



Viscountess Stopford, who has been seriously ill, has entered a nursing home in London for special treatment. Her husband is heir to Earl of Courtown.



Commandant-General Murphy, who has been promoted to rank of General. He is to reorganise Irish Free State Army.



SCOUT CHIEF'S TWINS.—At christening of the twin children of Captain F. Gidney, camp chief, Scouters' Training Centre, Gilwell Park. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout, was a godfather.



A scene from "Twelfth Night," with Malvolio, Fabian, Maria and Sir Andrew Aguecheek.

SHAKESPEARE AT HATFIELD.—From the performance of scenes and songs from Shakespearean plays given in the public hall, Hatfield, in aid of Hatfield Parish Nursing



The dancer who added grace to an episode from "Twelfth Night."

Association and St. Dunstan's. A number of Haileybury boys were among members of the cast, and gave a very good account of themselves.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)



Mr. Nicholas Hannen, leading man for Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry at the Apollo.



Miss Edith Kelly-Gould, who has made a success in "Arlequin" at the Empire.

THE PRINCE'S PLANS.

Lord Crowe as Poet-Oldest Newspaper-Cup-Tie Day.

THE PRINCE OF WALES is going on a visit to Melton, and this has given colour to the rumoured statement that H.R.H. is leaving the Badminton country. I hear that this rumour is not only entirely without foundation, but that the Prince intends to renew his tenancy of Easton Grey.

Famous Packs.

A very keen sportsman, it is only natural that the Prince wants to see other packs at work, and this he will have plenty of opportunity of doing from Melton, for the Quorn, Cottesmore, and Belvoir Hounds all meet within a close radius of this popular hunting centre.

Hunting Hotel.

The Prince will have rooms at the new hotel which is being run by Mrs. Wardell. Mrs. Wardell is a daughter of the late Sir Daniel Cooper, so well known in racing circles, and she married first Lord Northland. Her small sons are often to be seen in the hunting field, and show great promise of becoming good horsemen.

Old Friends.

Lady Tree has been staying with the Duke and Duchess of Rutland at Belvoir Castle. The Duchess is very true to her old friends, and from the days when the famous actor's wife was plain Maud Holt, the teacher of classics at Queen's College, Harley-street, they have been great and intimate friends. Lady Tree is an excellent Greek scholar.

Poor-Poets.

The Marquis of Crewe, who celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday yesterday, is one of our very few poor-poets. In 1889 he published a volume entitled "Stray Verses," which went into a second edition the following year. Another example is Lord Latymer, who was at one time well known as Francis Coult. In 1914 Lord Curzon of Kedleston published an excellent translation of Cammaerts' poem, "Le Drapeau Belge."

Oldest Newspaper?

A correspondent writes to point out that *Berrow's Worcester Journal* can give five years to the *Lincoln, Rutland and Stamford Mercury*, for it was founded in 1690. It claims to be the oldest newspaper in England.

An Epicure's Paradise.

Mr. L. Raven-Hill, the artist, has just returned to England after a winter trip to Madeira. The charms of the island, he informs me, are enhanced by the fact that it is possible to purchase a glass of the best Madeira wine for twopence-halfpenny! Still, there is the fare to be considered.

Recitations of a Countess.

The Countess of Carrick is among the "artists who have kindly consented to appear" at a Hyde Park Hotel matinee on Friday next in aid of the Home of Compassion. Lady Carrick recites and reads Irish poems. The Hon. Mrs. Dudley Ryder will play the fiddle, and among other performers will be Mr. Charlton, of the R.A.F., who is acquiring a reputation for his songs and dances.

Marble Hall.

The Earl and Countess of Granard are back from New York, and are at Forbes House, Halkin-street. It is one of the few houses of its kind which lie back from the road, and has, therefore, something in the nature of a garden behind its high walls. The hall is a delightful one of white marble with many graceful pillars.



Lady Carrick.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

"Literary" Libel Action.

I hear that one effect of the death of "Guy Thorne" is to stop a libel action, which might have been sensational. He had threatened, and was about to commence, proceedings against a critic who had described a work of his, highly praised by the Bishop of London, as "pseudo-religious bilge."

Hotel as Home.

Lady Lister-Kaye, who is back from six months on the Continent, is one of those practical Americans who do not burden themselves with a house. She and Sir John reside at Claridge's, and they do their entertaining in hotel restaurants, where are now Royalties (including the Duke of Connaught) and other notabilities have been their guests.

Valuable "Props."

I am told that in one scene of "Lilac Time" there is £1,800 worth of furniture on the stage. I should have been duly impressed had I not previously heard that at the Empire they are using a ring in "Arlequin" worth £5,000. This ring is lent at each performance to Miss Viola Tree by Miss Edith Kelly-Gould. Actresses sometimes have their jewels stolen, but this ring, I am assured, is "carefully guarded." The management will doubtless be surprised to find that it has escaped and found its way into print!

Daring Exploit Recalled.

The announcement that Captain Edward Courtney Boyle, V.C., has been appointed to the command of the light cruiser Birmingham takes us back to one of the most daring episodes of the war, for Captain Boyle was awarded the V.C. for most conspicuous bravery in command of submarine K 14 when he dived his vessel under the enemy minefields and entered the Sea of Marmora on April 25, 1915.



Captain Boyle.

H.M.S. Birmingham.

Curiously enough, H.M.S. Birmingham is intimately connected with submarine warfare, for she is officially credited with having sunk the first German submarine in the Great War. The event was duly noted by the First Lord of the Admiralty at the time, and he sent a message to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham telling him of the vessel's success.

Famous Faces.

Mr. Walter Stoneman, F.R.P.S., has photographed 800 celebrities, and has some claim, therefore, to be regarded as an expert. His verdicts on sitters are often interesting, as, for instance:—

Most courteous sitter	Duke of York
Best	Mr. Lloyd George
Worst	Lord French
Most forceful	Sir Eric Geddes
Staleness	Earl Balfour
Oddest	Bernard Shaw
Gloomiest	Mr. W. W. Jacobs
Tallest	Lord Amthill

Worst and Best.

Mr. Stoneman tells me that admirals are his most modest sitters. Lord French was unutterably bored and refused to respond in the slightest to the blandishments of the photographer, who was anxious to get a "soldierly" pose. The late Prime Minister, on the other hand, has always done exactly what Mr. Stoneman asked him to do, though at the time of a certain General Election, when the photographer said, "A winning smile, please," Mr. Lloyd George replied, "Haden't I better get a safe seat first?"

Eighty To-day.

Sir William Treloar is eighty to-day, and looks as handsome and distinguished as ever. It is a pleasure to recall how, at a Whitefriars dinner some years ago, he told, in response to a general demand, the story of his experience as a young man canvassing for suffrages in a City public-house. The landlord was out, but the landlady was in.

Female Franchise!

She looked at the young man earnestly. "Well," she said, when she had taken stock of him, "you're certainly the best-looking of the candidates, so if you'll give me a kiss I'll tell my husband to vote for you." I believe Sir William earned that vote and received it. At all events, he was elected.

Football Fever.

What is known as "Cup-Tie Fever" will affect hundreds of thousands to-day, for the first round in the English Cup competition is to be played. The disease is most virulent in males, though women are also affected, especially those who happen to be married to supporters of the losing teams.

Crack Amateurs.

There is a new interest in the Cup this year owing to the revival of the amateur element. The public schools are following the fortunes of the Corinthians, who to-day are pitted against the professional club known as Brighton and Hove Albion. The Cambridge captain, C. T. Ashton, is playing for the amateurs. Some teams have to travel long distances, notably Southampton, who have gone 350 miles to play Newcastle.

Strand Improvements.

The Strand improvements now in course of execution will, in the end, I am told, give us wider pavements as well as a wider road. I sincerely hope so, for wider pavements are badly needed in that busy thoroughfare.

Born in Berlin.

An interesting new arrival is that of a son to Lady and Wing-Commander Smyth Pigott in Berlin on January 9. Wing-Commander Smyth Pigott, who married Lady Clare Fielding, the fifth of the Earl of Denbigh's seven daughters, in 1919, is Chief of the Staff of the Inter-Allied Commission in Berlin, and comes of a very well-known West Country family. He gained the D.S.O. for conspicuous bravery whilst in charge of an air raid on Constantinople.

The Better Part?

Mr. E. Temple Thurston, whose play "A Roof and Four Walls" is to be produced at the Apollo Theatre on Tuesday, narrowly escaped becoming a brewer, which was the occupation of his father, who frowned upon the son's literary aspirations.



Miss Anstruther-Gray, whose marriage to Lord Stratheden and Campbell takes place on February 6.



Mr. C. T. Ashton, the famous footballer and Cambridge captain, who will play for the Corinthians to-day.

Gay's Epitaph.

I wonder how many of those who have seen and enjoyed "Polly" at the Kingsway will be induced to pay a pilgrimage to the grave of its author in the Poet's Corner of Westminster Abbey. Pope wrote the epitaph, of which these are the concluding lines:—

These are thy honours! Not that here thy bust
Is mixed with heroes, or with kings thy dust;
But that the worthy and the good shall say,
Striking their pensive bosoms—Here lies Gay.

From South Africa.

Among distinguished visitors of whose arrival little has been said, are Sir Drummond and Lady Chaplin, who have come to London for a short holiday. Sir Drummond has been Administrator of Southern Rhodesia since the year war broke out, and of Northern Rhodesia for nearly two years. He is a Harrow and Oxford man, and an authority on gold mining.

Epigrammatic.

"Gipsy" Smith, the world-famous evangelist, who commences a great campaign in London to-morrow, has the gift of coining epigrams. They fall from his lips without any apparent effort. Here are a few:—

I am neither a sectarian—nor an insectarian.
I am a Methodist, but I know plenty of people who are all "ist" and no method.
Some folk hang on to a threepenny bit until the head on it aches.
Oh, those Y.M.C.A. pianos! Every chord in them is a lost chord.

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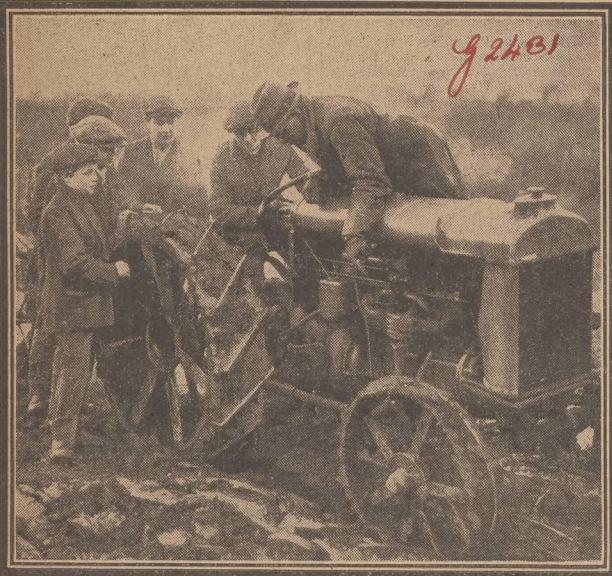
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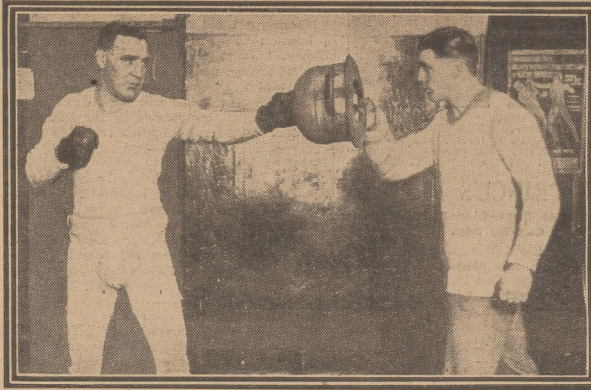
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CHANCE FOR FRIENDLESS BOYS



Homeless and friendless lads from Manchester, Salford and South Lancashire training for farm work at Barrow, near Chester. Here they are receiving instruction in the mechanism of a tractor. They are sent for training by the U.E.T.S.

DICK SMITH IN TRAINING



Dick Smith practising on a new type of punch pad during training for his fight with Joe Beckett for the championship of Great Britain at the Holland Park Rink. He is training at Oxford University gymnasium.

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CHESHIRE CARNIVAL.—The Mayor and Mayoress of Altrincham, Cheshire (Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ireland) with some of their little guests at the fancy dress carnival given by them at the Assembly Rooms, Bowdon.



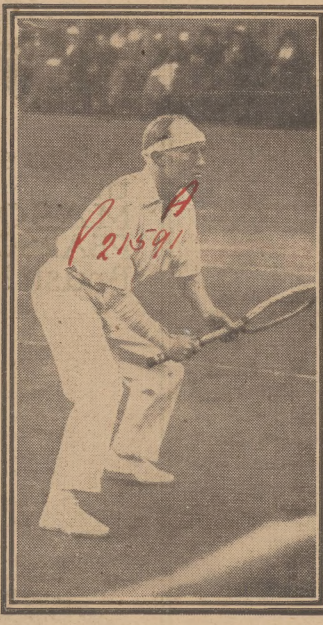
Lawrence, the Derby County goalkeeper, whose appeal against a month's suspension was dismissed by the Football Association.



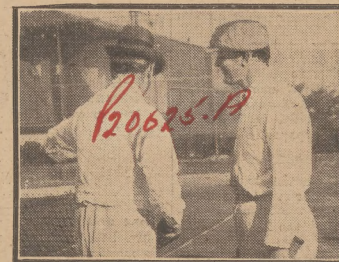
Members of the Hull City team indulge in sprinting exercise at Filey, with manager Lewis as start. **GETTING READY TO BATTLE FOR THE CUP.**—All the teams are getting themselves in



SPIRITUALIST'S TOUR.—Rev. G. Vale Owen, with his daughter, left, at Waterloo just before his departure for the U.S.A., where he is to deliver a series of lectures on spiritualism during an extended tour.



Mr. Leighton Crawford adopts the fillet.

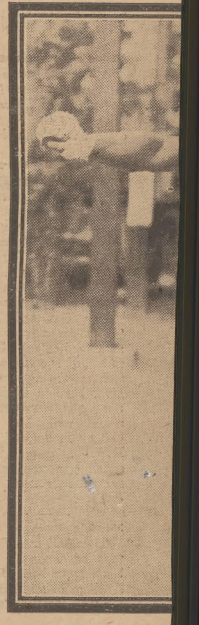


Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, on the right.



Mr. Stock, the well-known author.

IN THE SOUTH.—The famous resorts of the Riviera are now full of English visitors who have gone south in search of sunshine. Notable people of every kind are to be met with at every turn, including a large contingent from this country.



DEPOSED CHAMPION...ing champion, who has light - heavy - weight championships by eme...ing Union. The

SS ILL GRENADIER CROWN PRINCE

FAMOUS AUTHOR'S ACCIDENT



The Italian Crown Prince surrounded by decorated war heroes at the Quirinal on the occasion of his investiture as officer of the Grenadiers. Fifty soldiers who have won the gold medal were present.



Mr. William le Queux, writer of innumerable popular stories, with his daughter, near Murren. He had a distressing experience while skiing recently, being buried in the snow and in serious danger before he was extricated.



A Notts County player being treated with a hot fomentation of Dartmoor peat. Every pink of condition for the forthcoming struggle for the Cup. They adopt very various methods.



Captain E. R. G. R. Evans who has been appointed to command the Patrol, Mine-sweeping and Fishery Protection Flotilla.



INTER-COUNTY HOCKEY.—A goal for Gloucestershire in the match between Gloucestershire and Cornwall in the Western Counties Ladies' Hockey Tournament. Gloucestershire won handsomely.



Mr. and Mrs. Guggenheim at Nice races.



Lady Maureen Stanley on the golf course.



Lord Derby at Cannes.

—WHERE THE SUN SHINES.—Lawn tennis is decidedly the most popular sport on the Riviera, and it may be recorded that British players have been holding their own in a most satisfactory manner. Golf comes a good second.



A POPULAR CRAFT.—Mr. J. J. A. Murphy, the well-known American artist, who is holding an exhibition of his beautiful wood-cuts at a London West End gallery. Wood-cuts have lately become very popular. Mr. Murphy at work in his studio.

ling Siki, the Senegalese boxer, deprived of his titles to world's ropean light-heavy weight committee of International Boxing declared to be vacant.

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PUTTING THE SCREW ON GERMANY



By LORD HARDINGE OF PENSURST, K.G.

LORD HARDINGE of Penshurst is probably the most experienced diplomatist now living, and he only retired from the post of British Ambassador in Paris last month. He has been Viceroy of India, and under the late King Edward's direction he played an important part in making the Entente with France.

AT this juncture Lord Hardinge's views on the new situation now arising in Europe are of deep interest. He fears that the French will encounter many difficulties in their advance into the Ruhr, but says we should not be too critical of their action, and should picture how the Germans would have treated the French if they had been victors. He writes most severely of Germany's bad faith, and powerfully defends and supports the British Entente with France, which, he says, "saved the liberty of the world in time of war," and remains "vital to civilisation and freedom."

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AMBASSADORS. Pinner's "SWEET LAVENDER." Nightly, 8.30. Mats, Tues, Fri, Sat, 2.30.
APOLLO. (Ger. 7335.) "THROUGH THE CRACK." Xmas Play. LAST MATINEE, TO-DAY, 2.30.
APOLLO. HAWLEYS OF THE HIGH STREET. LAST NIGHT, TO-NIGHT, 8.30. (Ger. 7335.)
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COMEDY. To-day, 2.30 and 8.30.
COMEDY. (Ger. 3871.) To-day, 2.30 and 8.30. Godfrey Tardie in "ARLEQUIN." Mats, Wed and Sat, at 2.30.
COURT. (Ger. 848.) Matinee Daily, at 2. "Alice in Wonderland." Evgs, 8.30. When Knights Were Bold.
COVENT GARDEN. British National Opera Co. To-day, 2.30. Hansel; 7.45, Faust. Mon, 8.30, Hansel.
CRITERION. CYRIL MAUDE in "THE DIPPER." (Last Week's) DALY'S-8.15. Wed, Sat, 2.15. "THE LADY OF THE DOGS." H. Wright, H. Wolman, J. Treadwell, P. Hines.
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GLOBE. 8.30. "THE LAUGHING LADY." Marie Lohr, Leslie Faber, Wed and Sat, 2.30.
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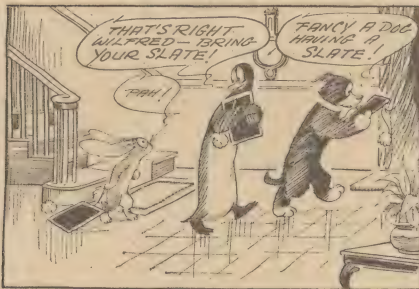
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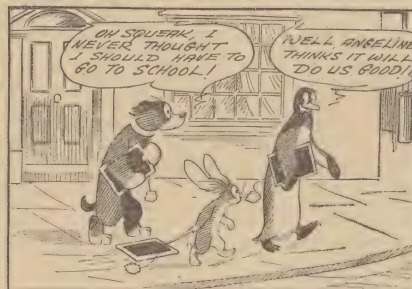
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THE ADVENTURES OF PIP, SQUEAK AND WILFRED.

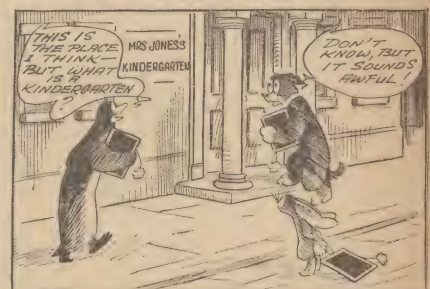
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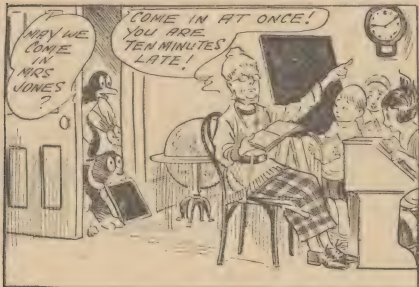
1. Angeline thought the pets ought to go to school, so off they went with slates and sponges.



2. "I never thought I should come to this!" grumbled Pip. Little Wilfred was simply furious.



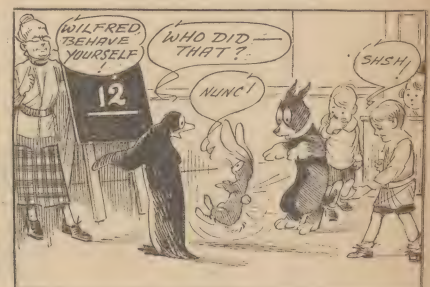
3. Outside the school was the notice, "Kindergarten." "It sounds like some awful torture!" said Pip.



4. However, they went in. "Ten minutes late!" said the mistress sternly, pointing to the clock.



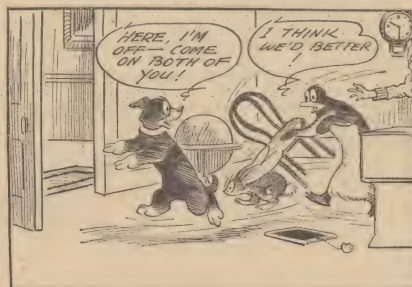
5. Asked to "add up" two figures, Squeak was completely puzzled—Pip could only think of rats.



6. Things were getting very dull when a boy flicked a ball of blotting paper at Wilfred.



7. Wilfred—who never takes an insult "lying down"—retaliated with an ink-pot full of ink

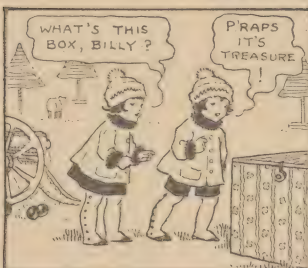


8. "Quick! Hurry!—we must get out!" cried Pip. The mistress was already searching for the cane.

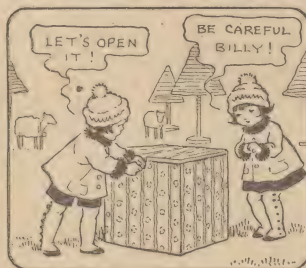


9. Once out in the street Pip simply jumped for joy. "No more school for me!" he cried.

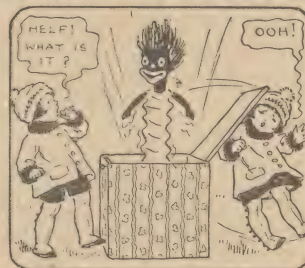
BILLY AND BENDY IN TOYLAND: No. 4—The children are exploring the wonderful land where all toys are alive.



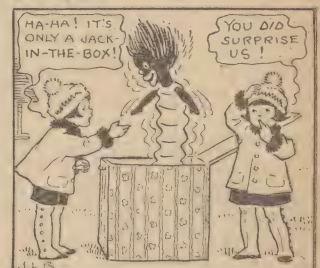
1. Suddenly the children noticed a mysterious-looking box. "Whatever can that be?" exclaimed Bendy. They looked all round it, but could see nothing.



2. "Look, here's a catch!" cried Billy, suddenly. "Let's unfasten it and see what happens!" Bendy felt ever so curious, although a tiny bit afraid.



3. Billy unfastened the catch, and—pop! the lid flew back and hit poor Bendy on the head, just as a funny little black man sprang up out of the box!



4. At first the children were quite frightened, but then Billy burst out laughing. "Why, you're Jack-in-the-Box!" he cried. "At your service, sir!" replied Jack.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL INSTALMENT OF THIS JOLLY PICTURE SERIAL STORY NEXT SATURDAY.

THE TWO LITTLE DUCKLINGS' SLEDGE.



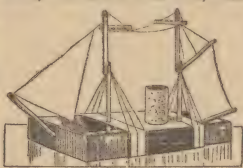
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A jolly little toy you can make yourself.

ARE you fond of making things? If you are, you will love building this jolly little toy boat, which, although it will not be able to stand a "rough sea," will float in the bathroom basin.

You start your boat-building by asking mother for two empty match-boxes. Gum the inside drawers of the boxes together, and fix them in the outer case of one box, as you see in the diagram below. The body is now made, and it remains for you to construct the funnel, sails, masts and rigging.

Two match-sticks, tied together with cotton, make an excellent mast, which

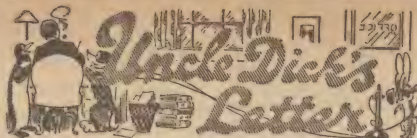


Ready to be launched.

can be thrust through a hole in the box. Cotton connecting each mast to the "deck" is the rigging. The bowsprits at each end are also made of spent match-sticks, and triangular pieces of paper are cut out and gummed or tied to the masts and bowsprits. These are the sails.

All you have to do now is to pin a small cork in the middle of the boat; that is your funnel.

If you like to be very up-to-date, you can connect the two masts with cotton, which gives the ship the appearance of possessing wireless.



Daily Mirror Office, Saturday, January 13, 1923.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Christopher and myself called on Aunt Emma to-day, and, while at tea, my nephew was a little too high-spirited and had to be reproved. "Christopher Algermon," said Aunt Emma, looking at the boy over the tops of her spectacles, "when I was young children never spoke at meals unless they were spoken to!" "Sorry, aunt," said Christopher, rather meekly. Now I am telling you this little incident as it shows how impressive it is—and sometimes very crushing—when you are called by your full Christian names.

When I was a boy I knew that all was well so long as I was just plain "Dick." With that name I knew that I was popular with the "powers-that-be."

"CHRISTOPHER ALGERMON!"

If it was just plain "Dick" I realised that, while all was well, it would not do to try anyone's patience too much. But when I heard the solemn name "Richard" I prepared for the worst and wondered which of my particular sins had been found out!

So it is, of course, with Christopher, and I am sure with yourself. There is no better way of reproving my nephew than addressing him as "Christopher Algermon," and I dare say when you are called "William" instead of "Billy," or "Margaret Joan" instead of "Maggie," you know that there is a "lecture" to come.

Yours affectionate
Uncle Dick.

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ADVENTURES OF HELPFUL HORACE: The little parrot learns that it is unwise to interrupt a cat-fight.



1. "Oh, dear, two naughty cats fighting!" cried Helpful Horace. "I must stop them at once!"



2. The kind-hearted parrot began to give them a lecture, but he was unfortunately at that moment—



3. —someone, who had heard the fight, threw some water out—and Horace had his share of it!

START THIS FINE SERIAL TO-DAY



By RICHARD BARNES.
FOR NEW READERS.

Derek Worlock, the son of a famous explorer, sees his father off at a railway station. On his way to his uncle's house, where he is to live until his father's return, he is robbed of his money. On arriving at the house he is horrified to find it on fire.

A GALLANT RESCUE.

DEREK gazed helplessly at the blazing house in front of him. The fury of the fire was now at its height. Every now and then a fresh part of the building would seem to crumble away beneath the fierceness of the heat, and in spite of the frantic efforts of the brigade the outbreak could not be checked.

"Lucky there's no one in the house," a man near Derek said, and the boy turned to him eagerly.

"Has my uncle been saved?" he asked. "I don't know about your uncle, sonny, but an elderly gentleman was carried out of the house some minutes ago. They say he was badly burnt about the head. Anyway, they've taken him off to the hospital."

A look of anxiety came over Derek's face. "I must go and see how he's getting on," he muttered. "Could you tell me—"

He broke off suddenly, aware that his companion was not listening to him. The man was staring in astonishment at one of the upper windows of the doomed house.

"Good gracious!" he muttered at last. "I do believe it's a dog! Poor little creature!" It was Derek's turn to stare, and what he saw made him shudder. There, with its nose pressed hard against the window-pane, was a small fox-terrier. The little creature had evidently been forgotten in the excitement—probably none of the firemen knew of its existence.

Suddenly Derek made up his mind. He dashed

towards the house, heedless of the shouts of warning from the onlookers. Once inside the building he found himself almost choked by the smoke. He put his handkerchief to his mouth and groped blindly for the stairs.

The lighter he got the more unbearable did the heat become. For a moment Derek was tempted to give up the struggle and return to safety, while there was still time.

But suddenly he heard a whimper. His hands found the door of a room, and he flung it open. Immediately he felt something soft launch itself against him, and, stooping down, he picked up the fox-terrier.

He turned to descend the stairs, but at that moment there was a loud crash in front of



"It's all right, doggie," Derek whispered. "I won't let you go."

him, and the staircase seemed to suddenly disappear from view.

Every second the heat was getting more intense, and already Derek's hands and face were badly scorched. Hardly knowing what he was doing, he rushed into one of the other rooms and made towards the window.

It looked out upon the garden at the back of the house. No firemen had been stationed there, as it was thought more important to prevent the flames from spreading to the neighbouring buildings.

Derek found himself gazing out upon a big lawn, and then, with a shout of joy, he noticed a big pile of cut grass lying almost directly underneath the window. The gardeners had

been at work that very afternoon, but had been called away when the fire was first noticed.

"It's my only chance!" muttered the boy. "I'll risk it!"

He pushed open the window and clambered on to the sill. Behind him he could hear the roaring of the flames which had now gained complete possession of the building.

"It's all right, doggie," he whispered to the fox-terrier, who was trembling in his arms. "I won't let go of you."

Then, without further hesitation, he dropped and landed right on the pile of grass below!

A FRIEND IN NEED.

IT was not till several hours later that Derek came to himself. The shock of his fall and the burns he had received had been too much for him, and he had fainted clean away.

He was aroused by a gentle lick on his face, and opened his eyes to see the fox-terrier, who had escaped serious hurt, standing over him.

It was some moments before he realised where he was. He noticed at last that the fire was almost out, and that the brigade had disappeared. As Derek had not reappeared the firemen had naturally imagined that he had been swallowed up in the flames. Of the house there were only a few bricks standing; the rest had been burnt to the ground.

Aching in every limb, the boy slowly got to his feet. He had broken no bones, though he had been badly bruised by his daring leap.

The little dog followed him as he made his way to the street. It was early morning, and the only person about was a milkman.

Derek wandered along the pavement, hardly knowing what to do. And then suddenly a strange faintness came over him, and he felt himself falling.

From the other side of the road the milkman came hurrying towards him. Vaguely Derek felt arms placed around him, and heard a voice that seemed to be very far away.

"This is a nice business!" the voice said. "The youngster's ill. I'd better take him home. We'll—"

Derek heard no more, for next moment he collapsed in the milkman's arms.

(What will happen to Derek now? Do not forget next Saturday's instalment of this thrilling serial story.)

HORACE & OSWALD DISCOVER A SHIP



AND MAKE THEMSELVES AT HOME.

THE WAY OF SACRIFICE

By E. ALMAZ STOUT



"You won't leave me, will you?" said Sir Stanley. "I have grown so used to you, I should hate a stranger." "I never leave you, Sir Stanley," replied Primrose, "so long as you want me."

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

MRS. WOOD, an invalid not likely to live much longer, is very anxious for her daughter Primrose to marry Sir Stanley Bircham, the Squire of Whitcomb.

To her delight the two become very fond of each other, so that the announcement of their engagement is expected daily. But Helen Dale, a wonderfully beautiful girl, appears on the scene, and, to Mrs. Wood's dismay, sweeps Sir Stanley right off his feet. Mrs. Wood discovers that Sir Stanley is in love—temporarily, at any rate—with Helen, and for her daughter's sake she determines to make Helen Dale go away before it is too late.

She begs her to do this, but the girl refuses. Then Mrs. Wood tells her an amazing story of how Primrose's father went to goal for theft to save Garth Dale, Helen's father.

At first Helen refuses to believe the story, but Mrs. Wood has convincing proof of it in the form of a letter. At last the elder woman states her terms.

"It is your happiness against mine," she says. "Give her back her lover, and not a word of it. I have told you shall ever pass my lips again. If you don't, all the world shall know your father for the thief and coward he is!"

Helen decides, after a big struggle, to sacrifice her happiness in order to save her father from disgrace. She writes a letter to Sir Stanley which gives the impression that she can never really care for him.

Mrs. Wood dies, but not before she has seen Primrose married to Sir Stanley, whose proposal was accepted chiefly by sympathy.

As the time goes by Primrose begins to realize that her husband does not really love her. Colonel Wynne, a friend of Stanley's, visits Whitcomb Court. On first seeing Primrose and before he knows who she is falls in love with her.

Primrose decides to leave Whitcomb. She does not tell her husband where she is lodging. After a considerable time Wynne finds Primrose and tries to bring husband and wife together again. He arranges a meeting between them, but Stanley fails to turn up.

He is knocked down by a lorry and very seriously injured about the head. Primrose is summoned in haste to the Nursing Home where Stanley has been taken. As a result of the accident his mind becomes unbalanced and he believes he is back in the days of the war.

"HOME IS THE BEST PLACE."

"NURSE! Nurse Primrose! I want you!" "Yes, Sir Stanley, I'm here."

The invalid sitting in the big chair by the fire, with a rug over his knees, gave a sigh of relief as a slender figure in blue cotton dress and white apron and cap moved quietly across the room to him.

"I thought I was alone."

"I had only gone into the hall for a moment and the door was wide open. You know we never leave you alone."

"I know. But I thought this time you had gone. It's so silly for a soldier to be nervous. I'm so ashamed."

He looked up at her pathetically.

It was such scenes as these which tried Primrose to the breaking point. It was so awful to see that clear brain and mentality so terribly reduced.

Though her heart was swelling with grief and compassion, as usual she gave no sign of her own feelings. She sat down by his side and pulled the rug a little closer round him. "It is only because you have been ill so long. When you are stronger all the nervousness will go."

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

"How long have I been ill? When was I wounded?"

"About six months ago."

This was a question which he asked almost every day.

"It was a decision of the Medical Board to let me come here, wasn't it? I should have hated to be in hospital all this time." The long white fingers of his right hand pulled at the fringe of the rug. "When one is ill one's own home is the best place."

"Yes, and yours is such a beautiful home."

Stanley's dull, unhappy eyes looked round the study, which was softly lighted with shaded electric lamps. A big log fire was leaping in the grate, and heavy velvet curtains were closely drawn to shut out the winter cold.

Primrose had persuaded Nurse Field to give up her work at the nursing home in order to help her nurse her husband. It had been a wrench for the highly trained nurse to give up the busier life of the home, but her whole heart had gone out in sympathy to the broken helpless man and his young wife.

She had never regretted her decision, and every day she spent at the Court increased her admiration for Primrose, her pity for Sir Stanley.

Primrose had carefully drilled the household, who had never known anything about the true facts of her leaving her home. No one was ever to address her as "My lady," but always as Nurse Primrose. No visitor was ever to be admitted on any pretext whatever, with the solitary exception of Mr. Mayne, who could be trusted.

For many months the same regular, simple routine had been observed. Primrose and Nurse Field sharing the nursing between them.

Stanley had to be wheeled from the bedroom, which had been improvised on the ground floor, to the study, for as the months passed the helplessness of the left side slowly but steadily increased.

No one ever read the paper to him, or spoke of the topics of the day. But he enjoyed having novels read to him, and Colonel Wynne spent half his time wading through all the latest books to select those which he thought would interest his friend.

He was a constant visitor at The Court, spending quite as much time there as in London. And a telegram from Primrose brought him any time, within a few hours of her summons, that "Stanley is asking for you."

He came into the room now and paused a moment as he took in the scene.

Stanley's eyes brightened. "Ah, Dick, old man, it's splendid having you here. I was so afraid your leave would be up."

"Oh, that won't be up for a long time. I've got long leave, you know."

He stood with his back to the mantelpiece and smiled down at him.

But aren't we being too selfish in keeping you down here? It's rotten for you to spend so much time with an invalid. You ought to be having a good time."

"I am having a good time. Don't you know I would rather be with an old friend like you than with anyone else?"

"But there's so little to do. I can't even play billiards with you. Nurse Primrose, have you ever tried to play, or hasn't your nursing ever given you time to learn?"

She drew in her breath. Had not Dick himself been the one to give her her only billiard lesson in that very house?

"I can play a little," she answered. "Some day Colonel Wynne and I must have a game."

Presently there came the sound of motor wheels, and Stanley lifted up his head.

"Who is that coming here, nurse? I don't want to see anyone. Can't you make them understand I want to be alone with you and Nurse Field and Colonel Wynne?"

"It's only Dr. Treloar," Primrose said quietly. "Don't you remember I told you he was coming to stay with you? He has been overworked and wants a rest badly. You said he might come and stay here."

Stanley passed a hand wearily across his eyes. "Of course, I forgot. How stupid of me! I like Treloar. He doesn't worry a man. I wonder if the maids have got his room ready? It is so difficult to have visitors when there is no mistress to look after the house."

His room is quite ready. When you said he could come and rest here for a week or so I ventured to tell the servants to prepare for him. I thought it was your wish."

Quite so, nurse. It was very thoughtful of you. The maids always wanted me to get married when I was quite a young man. Lucky thing I didn't, isn't it? Wouldn't it be awful for a wife, if I had had one, having a helpless log like me to look after?"

Now, if you and Nurse Field get tired of me, you can go off and leave me. But you won't, will you?" He put out a feeble hand. "I have grown so used to you; I should hate a stranger."

For one moment tears blurred Primrose's eyes,

but she winked them back so that only Dick saw their gleam.

"I will never leave you, Sir Stanley, so long as you want me."

A rare smile broke across his face. "I'm so glad! I should ever want you or Nurse Field to go. Hullo, doctor!"

Ralph Treloar went to shake hands with him remembering, just in time, that he had to treat Primrose as the nurse under orders, and not as his hostess.

"How are you, Sir Stanley? Jove, you are jolly comfortable in here! It is bitterly cold outside. I think it's going to freeze hard tonight."

"That'll mean skating for some lucky folk, but it means a rotten time for the poor chaps out in the trenches. How are things going, Treloar? Somehow, I don't seem to care to read the papers."

"Everything is going excellently." He caught Primrose's eyes for a moment interrogatively. "I am sure the end is close in sight."

"Thank heaven! It's over three years since the war started! Who would have thought the men could ever have stuck it! There's more grit in humanity, doctor, than we thought for."

"There is, indeed—in women as well as men." Primrose moved towards the door.

"I'll leave you, Sir Stanley, to talk with your friends. I shall only be in the next room. I will come directly you ring."

It was there that, later on, Ralph Treloar found her.

"Well, Lady Bircham, how do you feel things are going?"

A DARING PLAN.

PRIMROSE motioned to him to sit down. "Please don't call me by that name. You might forget and use it before Sir Stanley, and it would upset him."

"I am beginning to wonder," he said, "if the time has not come to make some experiment with him. Has he shown no signs of remembering anything?"

"Absolutely none. I can see no change in his mental condition, apart from the fact that he is growing more nervous. It—it breaks my heart at times to see his fear. Stanley, who was so brave, so fearless! A sudden sound sets his pulses beating in a way that alarms me. He can't be left alone for a moment."

"It is cruel—for both of you. You are both so young and had been married so short a time."

"Just a year. But there is another sign that worries me. His left hand is certainly more helpless than it was."

"I noticed that myself. I wonder if it would

be wise and safe to try to force his memory—say, for example, to try to make him realise you are his wife? It would be easier for you."

"Oh, no, no, I wouldn't hear of it," Primrose replied breathlessly. "Whatever experiment you might think it wise to try, don't try that!"

He remembered her confession to him on that night when he had first met her.

"Of course, it is as you wish," he said at last. "But I can't help thinking we might try something. Have he seen anyone but you and Colonel Wynne and the household?"

"No one except the old vicar once or twice for a very few minutes."

"Well, I suggest he should see someone connected with his old life, someone—man or woman—of whom he would be bound to have vivid memories. I admit I'm not very hopeful of the experiment, but I truly think it worth trying."

"Talk over the plan with your friend, Colonel Wynne—he seems to understand your husband as well as anyone—and see if he can suggest some soldier, for instance, closely connected with a vital experience in Sir Stanley's life."

"I will." She rose as a clock struck. "Forgive me. It's time for Sir Stanley's medicine."

After dinner that evening when Treloar had gone to his room and Nurse Field was on duty, Primrose discussed the doctor's suggestion with Dick.

"He may be right," he said, nodding his head. "It's extraordinary what small circumstances have brought back lost memories in some cases of shell shock. I wonder whether it would be worth while getting hold of one of the men who was with him when he was injured that first time on the Somme?"

"I have a much better plan," Primrose said quietly. "Doctor Treloar said it must be someone of whom he would be bound to have vivid memories. His most vivid memories, if he were normal, would be of Helen Dale."

"Dick started. "But you are not suggesting she should come to this house. She, who is the cause of all your unhappiness!"

"The innocent cause," Primrose amended, "as I am the innocent cause of her unhappiness. But what does either of us matter where his welfare is concerned?"

"I shall write to her and ask her if she will come down to the Vicarage—I am sure Mr. Mayne will be only too glad to have her—then I shall arrange for her to come and see Stanley."

"Primrose, are you sure you could bear it? Could you bear to see her here?"

A little twilight smile crept to Primrose's lips. "Does anything matter if it will help him?"

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Great Games in Town and Provinces. CLUB PROSPECTS.

Classic Matches at Sunderland, Newcastle and Birmingham.

We have reached the most interesting stage of the football season—the opening of the campaign proper for the English Cup. To-day's games will end a lot of speculation and destroy many hopes, but these are features that add interest to the game. Huddersfield, the holders; Liverpool, the League champions, and Newcastle United are about equal favourites for the trophy this season, but many giants may fall before April 28. Features of yesterday's sport were:—

Racing.—Gasper put up another splendid performance in beating High Force, at Lingfield, and Beggar's End gained an easy victory in the Burrow Steeplechase.

OUT FOR THE CUP.

Teams and Individuals Who Will Play This Afternoon.

One of the greatest games in to-day's Cup series is that between Aston Villa and Blackburn Rovers. These teams have met in Cup-tie warfare since 1882. Between them they have won the trophy eleven times. The Villa have not only won it on six occasions, but once won the Cup and the League championship in the same season. The Rovers have a title to fame as winners for three successive seasons, an achievement only rivalled by the old Wanderers. Advantage of ground should give the Villa success this afternoon.

Miners in Town.—Workop, who are due at White Hart Lane, have once before been drawn against a London League side. That was in 1908, when they played without a couple of their most capable men and were beaten 2-0 at Chelsea. The Spurs are not likely to score so freely against them this afternoon, though it is satisfactory to learn that the North London side is not making the mistake of holding the Nottinghamshire men—most of whom are coalminers—too cheaply.

CHELSEA'S CHANCE.

Chelsea's Visitors.—Rotherham County have not done too well this season in League football, and they will probably find Chelsea their masters this afternoon. But it should be a rousing game, as the Second Leaguers play bustling football, and are much more expert in their methods than the pattern-weaving Chelsea forwards are. Armstrong will lead the home attack, and Hampton keeps goal.

Bradford's Task.—Barnston entertain Bradford, who are now at the head of the table in the Northern Section of the Third Division. The Park-avenue men realise that they have a stiff task on hand, but they are encouraged by the fact that Bradford are playing an unaltered team, and that the Park-avenue men have had a terrific hiding on the same ground a year ago.

Top Sawyers Meet.—Sunderland meet Burnley unchanged, as Gilhooley has not recovered sufficiently to take his place. It will be the twentieth successive meeting of these two teams, and except for the right half-back position the team has been unchanged for nearly five months. Burnley report that all their men, who have trained at Lytham, are fit with the exception of Nesbitt.

LAST OF THE AMATEURS.

Corinthians' Debut.—The Corinthians make their first appearance in the competition at Brighton. They have quite a good chance, but the professionals are a strong cup-fighting organisation on their own ground and will probably win. Brighton are only doubtful over their felt wing, where either Jones or Wilson may be brought in as partner to Cook. Bury report a clean bill of health for their match with Luton, and should win.

Fleming to Re-appear.—Bristol City meet a Northern Third Division club in Wrexham, and will be expected to win comfortably, but Watford, who have trained at Portcath, should give Cardiff a good game. Peagram is the great hope of the Herts' men against his old side. Barnsley may have to rest content with a drawn game at Swindon, where Fleming may make a re-appearance, and Bath will do well if they force Wigan to replay. Exeter points to an easy win for West Bromwich Albion over Stalybridge Celtic.

Hard Work for Birmingham.—Birmingham have about one of the stiffest tasks of the round. They are called on to visit the holders at Huddersfield, and on League form there can only be one result. Birmingham have spent the week at Rhyl, where all their players have been in the receipt of physical fitness, with the exception of Womack, who was injured in the Sunderland game and is a doubtful starter.

Whalley, in the Charlton team against Manchester City, his old Club.

Graham, the Arsenal captain, who may not play against Liverpool to-day.

ARSENAL'S HARD GAME.

Away Match with League Champions—Saints at Newcastle.

Cup Favourites.—Liverpool, who receive the Arsenal, are strong favourites in certain quarters for the Cup itself; so Arsenal have an uncommonly stiff task before them. Fortunately the Highbury team's fortunes are much brighter than was the case a few weeks ago, and with the following team they hope to avert defeat this afternoon: Robson, Mackie, Kennedy, Milne, Graham (or Butler), John, Baker, Blyth, Turnbull, R. Boreham and Dr. Paterson.

Saints in the North.—They are looking on the bright side of things at St. James' Park. They have a series of unfortunate injuries to some of their best men, but Cracker, Huddersfield, Harris and Seymour are all fit again, and though the team has not been selected Southampton will have to face a very reliable organisation. The only doubt about the Saints is whether Elkes or Getgood shall play at inside left.

Sheffield's Hopes.—Nottingham Forest will try to atone for some of their recent League failures in their game with Sheffield United, but they do not strike the mind as likely to keep the Blades out of the Cup.

ENGLISH CUP CARD.

Portsmouth v. Leeds United.
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the second round. The other Sheffield team, the Wednesday, have been disappointed. Their field was operated on in the hope that he would be able to play to-day, but the limb is not yet strong enough for such a strain. Still, New Brighton ought to be beyond the League's capacity. Middlebrough will be without Elliott when they appear at Oldham, but they should be able to account for what is probably the weakest side in the division.

Cottagers' Strong Opponents.—Leicester City have prepared for their match with Fulham at Mallock. They will be at full strength for Harrod has covered from his Christmas Day mishap. O'Brien, the Irish international, is drafted to the right half berth to the exclusion of Jones. Fulham have a difficult task in team building and will make an eleventh-hour decision.

STIFF TASK FOR HULL.

Hammers at Hull.—Hull City, who have trained at Fleet, will need to put their best efforts into the match with West Ham at Anlaby-road, for the Hammers are a doughty body of cup contestants. The City have been rather heavy hit by injuries and illness, but they hope to be represented by Mercer, Gibson, Bell, Collier, Bew, Beasley, Crawford, and Woodcock. Thorn. West Ham have performed well this season on foreign grounds and expect to get through.

Some Hard Battles.—Plymouth Argyle and Notts County meet at Plymouth, and current form suggests a drawn battle. The Argyle are still in defence, but their attack has fallen off a lot recently. Leeds should not do worse than draw at Portsmouth, while the battle in London between the Rangers and Crystal Palace should be very close.

Preston in Wales.—Preston North End cannot apprehend much trouble at Aberdare, though the ground may not be altogether to their liking; but Stoke have a stiffer proposition with Blyth Spartans, who are being coached by Charlton, who is in opposing Manchester City, and Whalley will enjoy the experience of playing against his old club.

WILL WOLVES DRAW?

Wolves' Chances.—Wolverhampton Wanderers are one of the most disappointing teams in the country this season, but they have great Cup traditions and will not expect to do worse than face a second round meeting with Moulton. The forward line is uncertain. Bolton Wanderers can hardly fail to beat Norwich City, though they may not do so to-day.

Likely Winners.—We always expect to be surprised by Cup-tie results, but the following seem to be the most likely to have an interest in the second round: Leeds United, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Brighton, Huddersfield Town, Preston North End, Chelsea, Notts County, Derby County, Manchester City, Rangers, Tottenham Hotspur, Everton, Millwall, Barnsley, Liverpool, Aston Villa, Cardiff City, Sheffield United, Stoke, South Shields, Middlesbrough, West Bromwich Albion, Sunderland, Wanderers, Bury, Manchester City, Bristol City, Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City.

BECKETT HAPPY.

Return Fight with Carpenter—Cricqui v. Frush Off.

Georges Carpenter has signed articles to meet Joe Beckett in the event of the latter retaining his title against Dick Smith.

Carpenter is still most anxious to have his return meeting with Siki, but as this appears to be very uncertain for some time, the French champion has contracted to fight Beckett for the European heavy-weight championship.

Directed that if available Carpenter will be ready to meet him; but owing to the negro's suspension and withdrawal of licence a considerable period must elapse before the match with Beckett. The date and venue will be announced later.

Kid Lewis, in an interview yesterday, said he was annoyed to hear Carpenter had signed to meet Beckett. "When I met Carpenter," he said, "I consider I lost solely on account of my attention being diverted on a question of appeal. I am now prepared to oppose Carpenter, and I offer one-half of my end of the purse to any charitable institutions that may be nominated."

Major Wilson has released Eugene Cricqui from his obligation to meet Frush next month after hearing the case of Cricqui and his manager.

Cricqui is matched with Kilbane to fight for the world's feather-weight title, and the French boxer begged to be released from his contract to box in London.

In return for this concession Cricqui has signed a contract with Major Wilson to defend his European title in London immediately following his return from America. That is in the event of his being defeated by Kilbane. Should Cricqui win the world's title he has signed to defend this in London within twelve months from now.

Naturally Danny Frush is greatly disappointed and wants a match so badly that he has challenged the high-weight title, and the English champion, at 9st. 9lb., a side stake of from £100 to £500.

SIKI AND HIS TITLES.

Emergency Committee Decide on Competitions to Find New Champions.

The Emergency Committee of the International Boxing Union has decided by four votes to two, says Reuters, to dissolve Beckett's Siki of his titles of the world's light-heavy-weight champion and European light-heavy-weight champion.

Cricqui, who was declared to be vacant, and it was further decided by five votes to one not to designate the new holders but to organise competitions for the respective championships.

It was also decided that the winner of the forthcoming Julliard-Bontis contest should be accepted as challenger to Charles Ledoux for the bantam-weight championship of Europe.—Reuter.

WITH THE ATHLETES.

Many Interesting Cross-Country Events Arranged for This Afternoon.

Interesting athletic events taking place this afternoon include two inter-team contests at Putney and Waltham Abbey.

At Putney Heath, Blackheath and Ranelagh Harriers meet over seven miles course for the Pelling-Ratcliffe Cup. This match usually attracts a hundred runners. Surrey A.C. and Highgate Harriers will be in opposition at Waltham Abbey over a course of six miles, and in conjunction with the level contest a scaled handicap will be held for members of the Highgate Club.

Club championships are being held by North London H.C. Southgate and Wood Green A.C., New Barnet A.C., and Kensington A.C.

Entries from all the prominent walkers of the South of England have been received for the Surrey A.C.'s open ten miles walking team race and handicap at New Malden, and the newly-formed Gaelic Athletic Association are holding a four miles handicap at Blackheath.

GOLF FOR A PUTTER.

Wethered Beaten in Oxford and Cambridge Society's Tournament.

Always an interesting tournament, this year's contest open to members of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, with the President's putter as the premier award, is veiled with unusual importance owing to the inclusion of several international players in the field.

The run of the day's golf was O. B. Bristowe, who, after beating R. B. Vincent, a player with extensive local knowledge, in the first round, vanquished Roger Wethered in the afternoon by 2 and 1.

E. W. E. Holderness, the amateur champion, and the great South African, who is playing very well and won both their matches. Others to qualify for the third round were: G. L. Mellin, G. H. Pearson, H. Le Bas, D. F. Ranson and H. K. Goadby.

£1,000 FOR GOLFERS.

Proposed World's Championship to Take Place Next June.

There is a prospect of a world's golf championship being arranged for next June.

The Dunlop Company is in communication with the S. A. Andrews authorities, and is prepared to offer a prize of £1,000 in cash, or its equivalent, for the next five years. Sir Eric Geddes, the chairman of the company, is taking a keen interest in the matter.

For this championship both amateurs and professionals will be eligible. It is suggested that the event should be held at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, and that only the winners of national championships and important competitions during the twelve months previous be eligible to take part. The Professional Golfers' Association have also been communicated with.

Lawrence's Suspension.—The appeal by Lawrence, the Derby County goalkeeper, against the decision of the directors suspending him for a month on a charge of insubordination has been dismissed.

GASPER'S CANTER.

High Force Well Beaten at Lingfield Park.

BEGGAR'S END WINS.

Gasper and George Duller again proved an invincible combination at Lingfield yesterday, and most onlookers who saw Lord Rosebery's High Force literally galloped to a standstill came away with the conviction that there is not a four-year-old hurdler in the country to equal Mr. Heybourne's colt.

In the circumstances it was most disappointing to find King Pippin an absentee. Mrs. Putnam's colt had given High Force 10lb. and a good beating at Kempton, and as Gasper was meeting Lord Rose-

SELECTIONS FOR LINGFIELD.			
1. O.—RIVERO.	2.30.—TURBINE.		
1.30.—TURKEY.	BUZZARD.	3.0.—FIRST WHEAT.	
2. O.—CHARLIE WISE.	DOUBLE EVENT FOR TO-DAY.		
RIVERO and CHARLIE WISE.*			

bery's colt at level weights yesterday the question of supremacy between Gasper and King Pippin and Gasper have come together. After this latest display, however, there is little doubt that the Epsom horse would be favourite. Duller waited in front of the hurdle yesterday, and although High Force drew almost alongside in the sixth furlong he could not live with the leader when fairly into the straight. Gasper eventually won by ten lengths, and even then he was on a tight rein.

Several others joined in the chase, which was as hopeless as the odds—50 to 1—offered against each and every one of them. Owen finished third because Simon's Light lost out at the hurdle.

Beggar's End and Ballinroe were other good favourites to win during the afternoon, but against these successes were set the failures of two odds-on chances, Neurotic and Llangar.

EASY FOR BEGGAR'S END.

Scott rode a most confident race on Beggar's End in the Burrow Steeplechase, allowing Alcazar, Gem and Winkle in turn to give him a lead until approaching the last fence, where he hurled out, and Lord Queenborough's smart "chaser" beat Alcazar with more in hand than the length and a half verdict sustained.

Deputising for Memento, Neurotic was well beaten by the ever-green Tim in the Newchapel Chase, and after second favourite scored when Yewden took the Newfield Hurdle.

As Yewden was bought in for 330 guineas, the conditions of Bennett's stable evidently had a good race, which they certainly did not when both Mulhagham and Goudier beat the odds-on Llangar in the Stagers' Hurdle.

Mr. Hollins' National candidate, Turkey Buzzard, will be highly tried to-day, when Silver Ring (F. Morgan) and Shaun Spadah or Vico (F. Rees) oppose him in the Lingfield Chase. Scope to see him give Mr. F. A. Brown another winning ride. Charlie Wise appears very well handicapped in the Eden Vale Hurdle, and Rivero is expected to follow up his Gatwick victory in the Sussex Hurdle.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY.

Interesting County Matches for Decision—Club Fixtures.

It is very unusual for a county hockey match to be played in the London district on a Saturday, but such a game will be played at Loughton to-day, where Essex meet Lincolnshire.

There are one of the best of the county teams playing in the South at the present day, as their year and a half record of successes, which was broken on Wednesday, shows, and Lincolnshire is expected to have a great game if they are to win. Dorset meet Wilts at Poole, and Lancashire oppose Yorkshire.

Club matches are numerous, the leading fixtures being:—

Hendon v. Tedlington, Wimbledon v. Broudbury, Oldham v. Old Lougham, Staines v. London University, Tulse Hill v. Southgate, Beckenham v. Royal Navy, Sarnborough v. Hampstead, Bromley v. Mid-Surrey.

WOOLLEY HITS OUT.

Aggressive Batting Against Pietermaritzburg—Russell Also in Form.

Batting first against Pietermaritzburg at Natal yesterday, the English cricketers remained at the wickets for the best part of the day and scored 245, says Reuter.

Woolley played dashing cricket for his 45, which contained two 6's and five 4's, and Russell also batted attractively in contributing his 49. Sandhu was very patient, and took an hour and fifty minutes to score 39.

The brilliant fielding of Nourse in the slips was one of the features of the match. The score—England—First Innings: 245 (Russell 49, Sandhu 39, Woolley 45).

OTHER SPORT IN BRIEF.

News Items and Gossip About Men and Matters of the Moment.

At the Ring to-night Phil Bond (Lambeth) and George Cline (Barnet) will meet over fifteen rounds.

McBain on Transfer List.—Neil McBain, the Scottish international half-back, has been put on the transfer list by the Manchester United directors, at his own request.

Angling Prospects.—Roach, dace, pike, and other fish have been caught in the Thames since the river was still too flooded yesterday for general sport. When the water has cleared anglers expect to make some of the best bags of the season.

Laddy Test Case.—Judgment in the test case case between Harry Laddy and the Chesterfield Football Club will probably be given on February 9. Judge Harold Newell intended to give his decision yesterday, but found he was unable to do so.

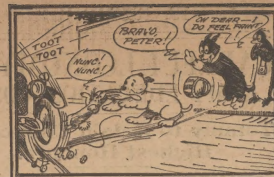
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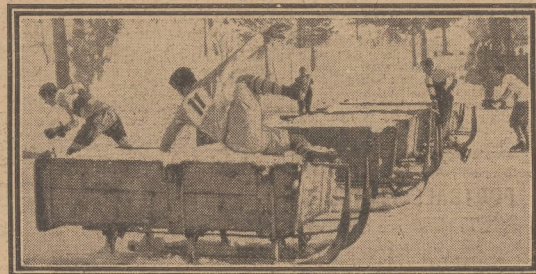


Mrs. A. E. Lowther, with her infant son, after the christening yesterday at St. Peter's Church, Eaton-square. The child received the names James Hugh William, and the godparents included the Bishop of St. Albans, who performed the ceremony.

INTER-VARSITY WINTER SPORTS.



Very much "on the ball" during the pushball match.



Negotiating an awkward hazard in the obstacle race.

Inter-Varsity competition is keen wherever representatives of Oxford and Cambridge meet. Above are pictures of winter sports rivalry at St. Moritz.

CONSTABLES CHARGED



Mr. David Cope (left), the bookmaker concerned, and (right) Mr. Leslie, his clerk.



Police Constable George, aged twenty-two, charged, together with—



Police Constable Stanley, aged twenty-nine. Both joined the force in 1920.

Two police constables in the City Force, Edgar Thomas George and Reginald Scott Stanley, were summoned at Mansion House yesterday for attempting to obtain gifts from a bookmaker.



WIFE'S GAS STORY.—Mrs. Hylda James, who told a remarkable story of an escape from gas poisoning while in bed, leaving the Law Courts after being granted a decree.



FITZROY CASE SEQUEL.—"Mrs. Turner" (Daisy Broadbridge), the Fitzroy case witness, who was yesterday found guilty of perjury. The Judge bound her over.



HEADSTRONG WOMAN.—A young Japanese woman who, in demonstrating her capability of supporting heavy loads on her head, has her young man literally "on the brain."



HUNTING BY SIDECAR.—Two hunters in the Mexican Rockies with their quarry, one of the big-horned sheep which are to be found there all the year round. The sidecar outfit contrasts oddly with its primitive surroundings.